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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Any documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 were cited as being relevant during the prosecution of the corresponding Japanese application. Item of information A1 is a U.S. patent that is a counterpart to item of information A6; and item of information A2 is a U.S.

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A translation of a portion of a Japanese Office Action that issued February 1, 2005 with respect to a counterpart Japanese patent application is provided below.

“Remarks

Cited Literature 1 describes a common DNS server (see Cited Literature 1, page 19, lines 4 through 7, etc.).

Cited Literature 2 describes an invention of a resource management method whereby resources are secured by issuing a resource request to a network when performing communication which requires specific resources (see Cited Literature 2, page 5, right top column, line 8 through page 6, left top column, line 4, etc.).

Cited Literature 3 describes an invention of an internetwork connection device which rewrites an IP table (corresponding to “IP address/FQDN correspondence database” of the present application) based on the volume of traffic (corresponding to “resource information”) within a network in order to dynamically perform load distribution according to the traffic (see Cited Literature 3, paragraph (0037), etc.).

Cited Literature 4 describes an invention wherein, when an access device accesses a service provision device (the “provider’s server” of the present application), a service management node (corresponding to the “packet forwarding policy description unit” and “entry rewriting unit” of the present application) determines which service provision device is to be accessed based on the access device’s origination area and request information (corresponding to the “policy,” “policy which guides request packets from a user requesting content or application service to a specific provider’s server,” and “policy based on a user’s context information” of the present application) (see Cited Literature 4, paragraph (0018), etc.).

List of Cited Literature

1. International Publication WO 01/033364 pamphlet
2. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H2-185134
3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication 2001-339430
4. Japanese Unexamined Patent Application Publication H8-044638.”

Applicant's statements regarding the Japanese Office Action are based on a partial translation that Applicant's representative obtained. These statements should in no way be considered as an agreement by Applicant with, or an admission of, what is asserted in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicants respectfully request that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

STATEMENT

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